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Sir:

This is a response to the Restriction Requirement of September 15, 2005. Applicant elects without traverse to prosecute Group I, comprising Claims 1-15 and drawn to an apparatus for dislodging contaminants from a surface of a machine tool.

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Prompt and favorable consideration of this application is requested. If the Examiner notes any minor errors, he is invited to telephone the undersigned so that the matter can be promptly handled by Examiner's amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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